(g) From whom and what amount ;

(h) Whether any one will be sent for Vellore training this year; and

(i) If so, their names already settled, and what posts are contemplated to offer them on the return after training ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a), (b) (c), (d), (e), (f) & (g) Vide statement appended. (*Vide Appendix VI.*)

(h) & (i) Vide answer to question No. 11 of the Vrischigam session.

The difficulty for agriculturists to get leaf-manure.

390. Mr. I. E. Ambookan.— Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have come to know that the agriculturists in the State are suffering much on account of the difficulty to get leaf-manure unlike in the olden days? Does the Government consider it necessary to take any step to remedy this defect? If so, will they be pleased to state the details of the same?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon .—Government are not aware of any difficulty in the removal of green leaf manure. For the steps taken by the Government in the matter, the member is referred to Article 84 A of the *Land Revenue Manual*, Article 21 of the *Forest Code* and to the Diwan's Proceedings referred to in the answer to question 78 (d).

The quantity of teak sold in the Timber Depot at Ernakulam for the years 1099 and 1100.

391. Mr. C. A. Ouseph .—Will the Government be pleased to state whether in the Government Timber Depot at Ernakulam, teak has been sold for less than Rs. 15 per candy in 1099 and 1100; if so, will the Government kindly lay a statement on the table showing the quantity of teak sold in each of the above years in the said depot for (a) Rs. 10 or more per candy up to Rs. 15 (not including Rs. 15), (b) less than Rs. 10 per candy?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon .—Yes.

		Candies.
(a)	in 1099	477—16—13— 7
	in 1100	583— 5— 1—14½
( )	in 1099	27—21— 4—12
	in 1100	304— 7— 8—15

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Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Sir, lots of timber are cut and brought down to the Ernakulam Depot, to be disposed of. What is the cost incurred for cutting and bringing down a candy of teak?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—That depends, Sir, upon the distance. From the 8th to the 50th mile, the cost will be 0--3--6 pies per mile per candy. If it is 8 miles, it is Rs. 1--12--0, and it will depend upon the length of the distance. It is Rs. 10--15-0 per candy from the farthermost point.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Are there teak in other places except Parambikkulam where you have got Tramway service available for the Forest to be tapped?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—What is the seigniorage generally levied from private persons?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—There is no seigniorage rate for teak. We do not sell standing teak from places where we have got Tramway connection. All the trees that can be sylviculturally cut down are cut down and brought. There are bad and good trees, and all of them are cut down and conveyed.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the Government brings down by Tramway only selected logs or of indifferent quality?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—They bring good, bad, and indiffernt timber.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Does the department carry teak of indifferent quality to the Ernakulam Depot?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—All qualities are brought down, since at Ernakulam we can fetch a higher rate than at Chalakkudi.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—What are the reasons which made the Government sell at the Ernakulam Government Depot Teak at Rs. 10 and less?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Because it could not fetch better price, as the quality was bad.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether a proper selection could not be made when transporting.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No, all timber must be brought down to Ernakulam.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will not the Government get a good sale at Chalakkudi?

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Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No. I think in Ernakulam we can get a better price, even though we have to spend about 8 annas per candy.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the Government, without bringing the timber and selling it at a reduced rate, cannot dispose of them as standing trees to bidding contractors?

Mr. K. Goivnda Menon.—This could not be done from forests tapped by the Tramway.

The Tenazhi Coupe and the Kolakkat Mudi Coupe.

392. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) Wether the Thenazhi coupe (തേന്നാഴിക്കൂപ്പ്) and the Kolakkat Mudi coupe (കൊളക്കാട്ട് മുടിക്കൂപ്പ്) have been entrusted to contractors by the Government for the extraction of timber;

(b) Whether tenders were called for before the coupe mentioned in (a) were so entrusted; if not, why tenders were not called for;

(c) The rates for different species of timber for which each of the said coupes was entrusted for extraction of timber;

(d) The names of the contractors working the coupes.

(e) Whether any coupes are now being worked by contractors, being entrusted for extraction of timber in pursuance of tenders submitted; if so, what are the rates for different species on which the different coupes are being worked?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) No; the persons who were likely to take up the work were consulted, and they expressed their unwillingness to work the area.

(c) Vide appendix. (*Vide Appendix VII.*)

(d) Mr. P. S. Krishna Ayyar for the Tenazhi coupe and Mr. P. S. Velu Ezuttassan for the Kolakkat Mudi coupe.

(e) Yes, one. For the rates for the different species, please see appendix referred to in (c).

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—How many persons likely to take up the work in those particular placess—both Tenazhi coupe and Kolakkat Mudi coupe—were consulted?

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